

higher up In civilization than those who practice the second. The people in lower civilization profit more by the wisdom and counsel of the aged than those in higher civilization, and are educated by this experience to respect and value the aged. " The introduction of the father-right won more respect for the aged man."¹ In some cases we can see the two codes in strife. Amongst the ancient Teutons the father could expose or sell his children under age, and the adult son could kill his aged parents.² There was no fixed duty of child to parent or of parent to child.

331. Ethnographical illustrations of respect to the aged. " The people of Madagascar pay high honor to age and to parents. The respect to age is even exaggerated." The Hovas always pay formal respect to greater age. If two slaves are carrying a load together, the younger of them will try to carry it all.³ In West Africa, " all the younger members of society are early trained to show the utmost deference to age. They must never come into the presence of aged persons or pass by their dwellings without taking off their hats and assuming a crouching gait. When seated in their presence it must always be at a 'respectful distance,' — a distance proportioned, to the difference in their ages and position in society. If they come near enough to hand an aged man a lighted pipe or a glass of water, the bearer must always fall upon one knee." ⁴ " Great among the Oromo is the veneration for the old. Failure in respect to age is considered an injury to the customs of the country. The aged always sit in the post of honor, have a voice in public councils, in discussions, and controversies which arise amongst citizens. The young and the women are taught to serve them on all occasions." ⁵ The Hereros respect the old. Property belongs to an old man even after his son assumes the care of it. Milk pails and joints of meat are brought to him to be blessed.⁶ The old are well treated in Australia. Certain foods are reserved for them.⁷ Amongst the Lhoosai, on the Chittagong hills of southeastern India, "parents are revered and old age honored. When past work the

father and mother
 are cared for by the children." ⁸ The Nicobarese treat the
 old kindly and
 let them live as long as they can. ⁹ The Andamanese also
 show great
 respect to the old and treat them with care and
 consideration. ¹⁰ The tribes
 in central Australia have no such custom " as doing away
 with aged or

¹ Lippert, *Kulturgesch.*, I, 240. ⁶ Ratzel, *Hist. of Mankind*, II, 468.

² Grimm, *Deutsche Rechtsalt.*, 461, 487. ⁷ Ratzel, *Völkerkunde*, II, 22.

⁸ Ratzel, *Volkerkunde*, II, 511. ⁸ Lewin, *Wild Races of S. E. India*, 256,

⁴ Nassau, *Fetishism in West Afr.*, 159. ⁹ JAI, XVIII, 384.

⁶ Yannutelli« Citemi, *DOmo*, 448. ¹⁰ *Ibid.*, XII, 93.